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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CALL FOR DISTRICT FIVE SPECIAL ELECTION IN FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

On July 14, 2015 and in accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-540, the Fayette County Board of Elections called for a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the office of County Commission Post Number 5 due to the untimely death of Honorable Pota Coston.

The Special Election will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 for District Five. Only registered voters from District Five will be eligible to vote.

Citizens from District 5 can register to qualify for office at Fayette County's Board of Elections Office located at 140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 208, Fayetteville, Georgia 30214. Qualifying will begin on Monday, August 10, 2015 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will end on Friday, August 14, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. The Qualifying Fee shall be \$595.29.

Qualifications for the Office of County Commissioner are as follows:

- 1) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- 2) Must have resided in Fayette County at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the Special Election;
- 3) Must be a resident of the Post 5 Road District at the time of qualifying;
- 4) Must be a registered voter;
- 5) Must have not been convicted and sentenced for any felony unless rights of citizenship have been restored by a pardon from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

The 2014 Commission District Five Map is available on the county's website at the following link:

<http://www.fayettecountyga.gov/administration/BOC/districtmaps/DistrictMap05.pdf>

To register to vote for the Special Election, Fayette citizens may visit the Fayette County Board of Elections Office through the close of business on August 17, 2015.

Early voting will take place at the Fayette County Board of Elections Office beginning Monday, August 24 through Friday, September 11, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. An additional early voting location may possibly be opened from Monday, August 31, 2015 until Friday, September 11, 2015 at the Tyrone City Hall, if needed.

Nine (9) County Precincts will be opened in District Five on Election Day, September 15, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Registered voters may visit the Secretary of State's website to determine their precinct and district and for the ability to print a precinct card: www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

If required, a runoff election will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

Persons who have questions pertaining to this Special Election may contact Fayette County's Board of Elections at (770) 305-5408 or may email Elections Supervisor Tom Sawyer at tsawyer@fayettecountyga.gov.

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